

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Dr. Flowers called the meeting to order with Council Members Steven Murdaugh (late), Gene Whetsell, Phillip Taylor in attendance. Evon Robinson, absent

Others present included: Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Ruth Mayer, Dr. Youlanda Gibbs, Nate Bristow, Debbie Gusler, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Karla Daddieco, Arlene Dobson, Sabrina Johnson, Roy Williams, James Rutledge, Clarence Wiggins, Kelli Griffin

Mr. Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting February 7, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appearances & Public Presentations

Eddie Jackson – Palmetto Training

Mr. Jackson explained the program and progress they had made.

Darrell Booker - Southern Carolina Alliance Quarterly Report

Mr. Booker gave a review of the projects, activities, product developments, and Marketing including 2017 forecast.

Dr. Youlanda Gibbs - The Palmetto Palace Medical Mobile Care Unit

Dr. Gibbs explained the local nonprofit Palmetto Palace and its purpose to provide emergency assistance to families sleeping in hospital waiting rooms due to a medical crisis. This is an adult version of Ronald McDonald House. Data analysis showed us we were providing so many services to District 45 and we needed to connect with the House of Representative or Senate member and that member happened to be

Clementa Pinckney. He agreed we needed to bridge the gap in health care. That is how a mobile the medical care unit was formed. We have a mobile care unit that is a coach and is currently in customization that will be here last August early September. The rear of the bus will have a nurse practitioner, the front will have a dental hygienist, and the middle will be community resources. The purpose of the unit is just to continue the legacy of the late Sen. Clementa Pinckney with providing quality ...inaudible... and access to healthcare services for district 45. I am here today to introduce myself, tell you about the project and ask for your assistance in identifying the location that we could park the unit when we are in Colleton County and hoping to be able to park maybe at a Community Center. A location so that inclement weather should we have senior citizens outside and we can have an overflow. We could bring citizens to healthcare that does not have access to healthcare services.

Mr. Griffin asked if this would be more the rural area or are you looking to locate the unit within say the City limits of Walterboro. What type of location are you looking for?

Dr. Gibbs said we would like both. Rural as well as City where ever is most advantages to the citizens of Colleton County.

Mr. Griffin said we have a number of Community Centers throughout the county. We would be glad to coordinate with you.

Dr. Gibbs said at some point I will also be coming to the county to meet with, I've already made a relationship with your Community Action Agency, so it is our goal to continue to collaborate with existing organizations, healthcare services is just to bridge a gap in services, so you will see me meeting with community members as well as healthcare and other organizations.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin said he wanted them to know they were rapping their Revenue estimates up and starting to get some budget expenditure reports for next year from our department heads and we anticipate our 1st budget meeting to be within the 1st two weeks of April. One of the major items is it looks like we are going to have an impact this year that is working its way through the House and Senate the current House passed version has to do with our State Retirement Fund shortfall. Currently the proposal that has been made would be a 2% increase on us on retirement this year. We are hoping that the State is going to withstand some of that blow with us and us not have to take, the proposal is actually 2% and then another 1% per year over the next 5 years to try to cover that shortfall. It is something that certainly we've got a Delegation meeting coming up on Monday night that we could talk about it with them. It would be a big impact to the budget with any current rates of growth, which is pretty much going to eat up any of our new revenues for the year.

Mr. Griffin said as I mentioned there is a Delegation meeting on Monday night at the Colleton Museum/Farmers Market. We will be serving a meal for the Delegation thereafter and hope you all will be able to attend. That will be at 6:00PM.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 17-O-01, To Amend Title 14-Land Management, Section 14.08-3.020(A)(7) – Accessory Structures and Uses, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances to Address Residential Handicap Access Ramps.

No comments were made.

Ordinance 17-O-02, to Amend Title 14-Land Management, Article 14.08-2 - Zoning District Regulations and Article 14.08-3 – Conditional Uses of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances to Address Campers, RVs and Park Model Trailers as Living Accommodations.

No comments were made

Old Business

3rd Reading Ordinance 17-O-01, To Amend Title 14-Land Management, Section 14.08-3.020(A)(7) – Accessory Structures and Uses, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances to Address Residential Handicap Access Ramps.

A motion to approve 3rd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion to approve 3rd reading was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 17-R-17, To Approve Appointment to Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Taylor said he needed to state the name.

Dr. Flowers said it was him that was being appointed.

Resolution 17-R-18, To Authorize the Waiver of Various Fees for the July 2017 Mission Serve Home Repair Program.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-19, To Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Contract on Behalf of the County with Business Information Systems (BIS) for Records Management Software for the Register of Deeds.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-20, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2017.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-21, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for a Grant for FY 2016-2017.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-22, To Award the Contract for Request for Proposals for the Recreation Department Drink Contract.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

Mr. Griffin said I need to ask if possible under personnel, Treasurers office Item for Executive Session. I mean Clerk of Courts office not Treasurers.

Mr. Murdaugh made a motion to amend the agenda to add that item and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously

Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)

Kelli Griffin- Stray animals in the county seem to be quite a problem. I think it is time to look at Animal Control Ordinances. These ordinances are very weak.

Council Time

Mr. Murdaugh said the only thing he would like to point out is I think we all received the letter and I don't know what we can do, we have tried to tackle this beast several times, the litter problem was pointed out to us again. I don't in the budget process or try to work with the sheriff's office again; something to try to address the litter problem. I know we have tried many times. It does seem to have gotten worse. It is something we need to think about when we enter into the budget process.

Mr. Whetsell said I think we are going to have to have a line item in the budget to take care, hire somebody to help with that. We have a problem and are going to have to face it some kinda way. We need to talk about that during the budget process.

Dr. Flowers said I agree will discussing that in our budget process. We do have a big problem with that. I noticed with all of the roads & streets and it has to do with the mindset that people don't have any respect for the environment. We have got to try to do something about it, but also we have ordinances in place ...inaudible... let them pick up trash. If they are throwing out trash they ought to pick up trash as part of their punishment. I don't think the ordinances are really being addressed adequately, but ...inaudible... It is a real problem and I do think we ought to go ahead in our budget process and see what we can do about this. We can't just kick the can down the road. We've got to try to address it adequately.

Executive Session

- a) Economic Development
 - 1. Project Global
 - 2. Project Imperial

- b) Personnel
 - 1. Sheriff's Office
 - 2. Clerk of Court

- c) Contractual
 - 1. Hampton Street Auditorium Renovation Contract Award of Bid CPST-05
 - 2. Habitat for Humanity

Regular Session

Dr. Flowers said the items were discussed in executive session.

We have a resolution regarding the Hampton Street Auditorium resolution 17-R-23, to Award the Contract for the Hampton Street Auditorium Renovation Project.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Murdaugh seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Joseph F. Flowers, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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